viii) Suggest measures to enhance the quality of inter-generation relationships best interests of older persons.

(g) The future plan of action is to expand the number and area coverage of the schemes meant for the welfare of older persons.

Reservation for SC/ST/OBCs in private sector

1116. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are thinking of bringing a legislation to provide reservation for SC/ST/OBCs in the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) According to the National Common Minimum Programme, the Government has to initiate a national dialogue with all political parties, industries and other organisations to see how best the private sector can fulful the aspirations of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe youth. Accordingly, 218 organisations of the industry and trade in the corporate world have been addressed to elicit their views/comments on affirmative action including reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the private sector. However, no enactments proposed.

Resources to disabled persons in Chhattisgarh

†1117. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals are under Government's consideration to provide essential resources and services to the disabled persons in Chhattisgarh;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the districts identified during the current year and funds sanctioned for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) Grant-in-aid of Rs. 4.34 lakhs has been provided to two voluntary organisations for running of Special Schools for Mentally Retarded Children, Hearing Handicapped and for Teachers Training Courses in the District of Korba and Drug under Deen Dayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme. The National Trust for Welfare of Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities has assisted three voluntary organizations in the District of Raipur, Durg and Korba with an amount of Rs. 21.29 lakhs under establishment of Relief Institution Scheme and the Community Based Caregivers Training Scheme. The National Trust has also provided Rs. 1.01 lakhs to the Local Level Committees (LLCs) of the following ten districts-Bastar, Bilaspur, Dantewada, Durg, Jashpur, Korba, Mahasamund, Raigarh, Raipur and Surguja in the current year.

Jeevan Aadhar Plan for disabled persons

1118. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the beneficiaries under the Jeevan Aadhar Plan for maintenance of disabled persons since 1996, State-wise; and

(b) the criteria adopted to consider the disability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) As per information furnished by Life Insurance Corporation of India, under the Ministry of Finance, they have sold policies under Jeevan Aadhar Plan as under:

Financial Year	Number of Policies
1996-97	2000 (approximately)
1997-98	990